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TAIWAN'S CHINA DILEMMA

CONTESTED IDENTITIES AND MULTIPLE INTERESTS
IN TAIWAN'S CROSS-STRAIT ECONOMIC POLICY

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“This important book offers an interesting new perspective on the politics of Taiwan’s evolving economic policy toward mainland China. The combination of a fresh theoretical approach—focusing on the role of national identity—and strong empirical analysis make *Taiwan’s China Dilemma* a must-read for anyone interested in the dynamic cross-Strait relationship.”

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Although similar cultures and economic interests promoted an explosion of economic ties between Taiwan and China since the late 1980s, these ties have not improved their political relationship, let alone brought about the unification that both governments once claimed to seek. Recently Taiwan’s Sunflower Movement successfully delayed further expansion of trade with China. Why is Taiwan’s policy toward China so inconsistent? Through research and interviews with Taiwanese opinion leaders, author Syaru Shirley Lin paints a vivid picture of one of the most dangerous relationships in the contemporary world, and illustrates the growing backlash against economic liberalization throughout the world.

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